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SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that in the recent past a political leader has been attacked in the City? May I know whether the political leaders ask for police protection recently?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I must tell the hon. Member that there is no question of political leaders asking for police protection but the police themselves provide protection if they feel it necessary.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in the recent two or three months in the City of Madras there had been some disturbances in the political meetings and the meetings organised by different parties in Madras were disturbed by rival groups? What steps have been taken by the Government to prevent such recurrence?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I can tell the hon. Member that no specific steps were taken in the matter. But I can assure him that police will take all precautionary measures in the matter.

Water-cess

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri S. M. Annamalai is not in his seat. The question No. 233 and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

*233 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI: *கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—*

(அ) நிலங்களுக்குத் தண்ணீர் தீர்வையை அதிகமாக்கு வதைக் குறித்து மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து இந்தச் சர்க்காரின் ஆலோசனையைக் கேட்டுக் கடிதம் வந்ததா ?

(ஆ) அப்படியானால் இம்மாநிலச் சர்க்கார் என்ன ஆலோசனை கூறியுள்ளனர்?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Offences under Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956

*234 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: *கனம் உள்விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—*

(அ) பெண்களை விபசாரத்தில் ஈடுபடுத்திய குற்றத்திற் காக 1959–1960-ம் வருஷத்தில் எத்தனை வழக்குகள் தொடரப் பட்டன?

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(ஆ) எத்தனை பேர்களுக்குத் தண்டனை அபராதம் விதிக்கப்பட்டன?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) From 1st January 1959 to 30th April 1960, 179 cases were put up for the offence of "inducing women or girls for prostitution" under section 5 (1) (*b*) of the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956.

(*b*) Of the 123 persons convicted, 13 were fined.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM: இந்த வழக்குகள் எத்தனை நகரங்களில் நடந்தது, எத்தனை கிராமங்களில் நடந்தது?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: என்னிடம் அந்தத் தகவல் இல்லை. ஜில்லாவாரியான புள்ளி விவரங்கள் தான் இருக்கின்றன.

Starting a new Medical College

* 235 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to set up a new Medical College in the State during the Third Five-Year Plan period with the aid of the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. Provision has been made tentatively in the Draft Third Five-Year Plan of the State for the opening of a new Medical College.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, since the people of Coimbatore are prepared to donate for the buildings and they have got one of the biggest hospital in Coimbatore with spacious grounds will the Government consider starting a Medical College in Coimbatore?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If concrete and practical proposals are forthcoming then the Government will consider the matter.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Sir, Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram and Kanyakumari districts are not covered by any medical college. As Tirunelveli is centrally situated, will the Government consider specially the feasibility of locating a medical college in Tirunelveli?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It all depends upon the co-operation and finance that is forthcoming from the area.

Price of butter and ghee

* 236 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken to bring down the price of butter and ghee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : As the fluctuations in the prices of butter and ghee are seasonal, no special steps are considered necessary to bring down their prices.